(c) whether it is also a fact that this project is not going up as per schedule;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to complete the project as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Group concluded that the construction of the plant was going ahead satisfactorily.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The progress of construction of the project, the performance of the agencies working on it and the status of infrastructural support for the project are regularly monitered by the Government.

Working of Haldia Fertilizer Project

*89. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of working of Haldia Fertilizer Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the development work of the Project for its commissioning for production has been kept suspended; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the future schemes of Government with regard to this project?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) As there were frequent equipment problems during the commissioning of the Haldia Fertilizer Project, Government decided in October, 1986 to stop the commissioning activities. It has, however, been decided to undertake an end-to-end survey of the project for which consultants are being engaged.

Government of India Press, Aligarh

*91. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of the very short supply of reel paper to the Government of India Press, Aligarh, machines of the press remain idle resulting in a loss of several lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of loss annually on this account;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure the regular required supply of reel paper to the press; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the Press?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Some reelfed machines remained idle due to short supply of reel paper resulting in a loss of machine hours valued at Rs. 4,18,683.00 during the last financial year.

(c) Adequate funds have been provided to procure paper for the Government of India Presses during 1987-88. Indents have already been placed on the D.G.S. & D. Who will finalise the Rate Contracts shortly. Inspection procedure has also been changed to ensure supply of quality paper.

(d) Replacement of old and obsolete machinery by modern machinery in a phased manner, training of shop level and supervisory personnel to